

cent a day. Let us be about our Father's business.

I feel that the brethren in the past have not been doing what we could for the missionary cause. It puts me to shame when I sit alone and meditate on the labors, and sufferings of our Lord, and the Apostles, and see how little we as a church are doing. "Awake, O Zion, and put on thy beautiful garments," should be the cry of every minister in the church. The Holy Ghost will accompany those churches that are engaged in the work according to the gospel, and great blessings shall be theirs.

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#### OUR CHICAGO LETTER

After a storm a lull, after the Christmas excitement a calm, but we are moving out of the quiet into more activity. Tonight was our prayer meeting; one brother said he came out to get filled, another said he wanted to cultivate an appetite for spiritual things, one said he was going through the school of experience, one said he was enjoying a free salvation, another that he was brought through the fire, and so they talked. We had a splendid meeting. I have been on the north side lately looking after things. Mrs. Gibbons has been sick for the past month and at present is away recruiting. Sister Clara has also been sick and I have had two missions to keep in trim and it has kept me on the move. I am now at work in the home place, and will push for some more baptisms; we have the foundation laid all right, time will bring about results.

#### OUR RELIEF WORK

Brother Fahrney says the S. S. of C. E. sent the good things for our Christmas dinner and he and Brother Long were only agents. All right. Thanks to all, any other connections. Since my last we have had bill of lading from Tiosa, Ind., Warsaw and Nappanee. We have since Christmas given out seven comforts and four quilts aside from the numerous clothing, sheets, pillow cases, and things for mothers. The other day we were told of a party that was clothless and in a most wretched condition. My wife had nothing else and she gave my shirts away. I did not know it at the time, but it's all right. I guess that scripture about two coats will include shirts. Rescue work pays, but lots of people cannot see it and oppose it, and I understand want it to cease, the powers that be will express themselves and the servants can only submit.

#### RELIEF WORK PAYS

To night a man in prayer meeting told how he found Christ, then left his old business and companions and started a new life. They came to a Saturday night when they had nothing. The children were sent to bed supperless, they sat and the wife wept. They were about to go to prayer when a man came in and left them some money. They were tided over Sunday. He now is at work, has a happy family and helps others. Did it pay to help that man in his ex-

tremity? It does pay; had not Christ helped us where would we be? Live and let live is an old wormy chestnut. Live and help live, that is the thing to do, help live. One of the obstacles is the sectarian devil that is around. I get a whack at him every now and then, and he gets a whack at me. Lay on Mackduff.

#### A CANDIDATE FOR THE BRIDEWELL

In Sunday-school last Sunday afternoon, one of our boys made slow progress in teaching a class of young toughs. I went down to help and in attempting to get one from his wrong position aroused his meanness. Putting his hand in his pocket, he drew a knife and threatened to lay me open. He had a good sized ear and I took hold of it and gently exercised my grip until he let go his knife and howled for mercy. I heard and answered his prayer. He has a head that will land him in prison. Whose fault is it. What a pity! Sad that such children should come into the world, lust born and hell bound. God help us to save them.

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#### A WORD OF EXPLANATION AND WARNING

I have recently learned that the blank pledge issued by the Missionary Board is somewhat confusing to some people. Some understand Home Missions to mean the District Missions. I want to disabuse all minds on the question by stating that the National Board has no connections whatever with any of the District Boards. Home Missions means the General Fund without designation as to where the money is to be used.

I might just in this connection say that it is advantageous to the Board to have offerings sent in without direction, so the Board can exercise its own discretion in apportioning money where it is needed, under the present system there may be more contributed for Chicago or Washington than is needed, and other places unprovided for.

It would also simplify book-keeping, expedite reports, and give the whole work under more immediate control of the Board to have all offerings sent to the secretary.

#### WARNING

I have recently learned that some preacher was circulating pledges among some of our people in Indiana for "Slum Mission" work in Chicago. Let me say that the Missionary Board of the Brethren church has issued but one form of pledge which was mailed all over the church with the EVANGELIST, any others are spurious.

Ella J. D. McFaden is the only one authorized to carry on mission work in the name of the Brethren church. Our brethren can of course spend their money where they please, these lines are simply meant to protect them from imposition.

JACOB C. CASSEL.

Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

No man is fit for God's service who is not willing to do little things.

#### WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

"Now bid me run and I will strive with things impossible; yea, get the better of them." I am reminded of these words from Shakespeare when I think of the numerous opposing elements with which the missionaries of the gospel must contend. From a human standpoint we must often strive with "things impossible," but He that has all power in heaven and earth has commanded us to run. therefore we always "get the best of them."

At our last writing we were in a strait, but in God's own time and way deliverance came, and we have been greatly strengthened by the trial, and we praise God even for such tests.

Our first meeting in the new year was very encouraging indeed; several strangers were present who seemed to enjoy the services very much.

We enter the year 1898 with great expectations. Already we have had several evidences of improvement both at home and abroad.

Mrs. Amanda Griffeth, of Masontown, Pa., sends \$1.00 for a "baptistry or whatever else may be more needed." We are in great need of a baptistry, but need other things much more at present. Please accept our thanks, sister; we always try to use all means sent us to the best advantage possible.

Brother D. C. Moomaw, of Roanoke, Va., also sends some cheering messages accompanied with quite a substantial offering from his congregation which he says is to be repeated monthly. May the Lord abundantly bless them.

We trust that many others may be led to follow their example and thus encourage the good work in the capital of the nation.

During the year 1897 the Jonstown, (Pa.) church sent monthly offerings of \$5.00. May we not hope for a continuance during the present year? Without this and the help rendered by the S. S. C. E., and the Pennsylvania S. S. C. E., we could not have gone on with the mission.

Surely we have great reason to praise the Lord for his goodness and marvelous loving kindness.

But perhaps some one says, "I wonder if the results justify the expenditure of all the labor, time and money?"

That depends upon the value we place on salvation and our faith.

During the year six were baptized, and about the same number added by letter and otherwise. This does not seem to amount to much, comparatively speaking, but we are inclined to believe that if those places where the results have seemed to be more gratifying, had been surrounded with the same circumstances, etc., that possibly they would not have had any greater success.

But we leave this; we have by the Lord's help, done what we could.

Pray for us that we may soon be able to realize results that will tell mightily for God and the coming kingdom.

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